

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2006:

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Present

Vote

Walter C. Zaremba, Chairman  
Kenneth L. Bowman, Vice Chairman  
Sheila S. Noll  
James S. Burgett  
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

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On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, which carried \_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE VIRGINIA GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY THAT EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL REMAIN A PUBLIC  
INSTITUTION

WHEREAS, Eastern State Hospital, located in Williamsburg, Virginia, was established on October 12, 1773, as the first psychiatric hospital in the United States and has been continuously operated by the Colony and Commonwealth of Virginia for 233 years; and

WHEREAS, the York County Board of Supervisors supports a statewide, state-operated system of mental health care, especially residential facilities, and considers that the care being provided to the Commonwealth's most vulnerable population should not be left up to the forces of the marketplace, where corporate profits represent the primary motivation for the provision of services; and

WHEREAS, a solid partnership exists between Eastern State Hospital, local governments, and Community Service Boards; and

WHEREAS, privatization would change the balance as public funds would subsidize a for-profit corporation; and

WHEREAS, Eastern State Hospital is widely known to provide a high quality of inpatient psychiatric care for adult and geriatric citizens of Virginia's Health Planning Region V at billing rates far below those of the private sector; and

WHEREAS, Eastern State Hospital has maintained Medicare and Medicaid Certification continuously since this benefit's inception in 1967, and has maintained accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the nationally-recognized agency that measures quality of care in healthcare organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors supports the current efforts of the Governor and General Assembly to redesign and transform the current public mental health system, from both the institutional and community perspective, always insuring that care is provided in a safe and least restrictive environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, that the York County Board of Supervisors vehemently opposes any effort to transfer the operations of Eastern State Hospital to the private sector.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the York County Board of Supervisors recommends to the Virginia General assembly that Eastern State Hospital remain a public institution and continue to receive the support needed to provide high quality patient care.